

Departmental Short-Term and Long-Term Strategic Issues

Department: Law Library

Date: FY2007

Short-Term Issues: List critical issues facing the department now and through the next couple fiscal years.

- Continuing to evaluate current holdings and future acquisitions according to established criteria.
- Maintaining adequate reference capability with shrinking funding.

Long-Term Issues: List major issues or trends that may confront the department beyond the next couple fiscal years.

- Costs for legal reference materials continue to increase as funding from filing fees remains level or decreases.
- Despite cost-cutting measures, we are using some of our reserve account to fund current expenses. That reserve account will carry us for some time, but it will run out eventually. If the Library cannot support itself through filing fees, are there other sources of revenue to support it?
- A small library with limited resources will have difficulty taking full advantage of available technology. Networking or sharing resources with other departments or jurisdictions should continue to be explored.